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## California To Celebrate First Annual “Thank You Ocean Day” Friday, June 8

**Sacramento** – California will celebrate its first annual “Thank You Ocean Day” Friday, June 8 to coincide with the internationally-recognized “World Ocean Day.” Thank You Ocean Day is designed to encourage public involvement and provide information about how to help protect Pacific Ocean health and resources.

“Thank You Ocean Day recognizes the role that all Californians play in protecting our precious ocean resources,” said Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman.

To celebrate Thank You Ocean Day, a variety of events are scheduled around the state, from concerts and films to lectures and educational events. Many of California’s aquariums will offer reduced rates or free entrance and special programs. A list is attached.

People are encouraged to use Thank You Ocean Day as an opportunity to make a difference in ocean health by participating in a beach cleanup, writing lawmakers about ocean protection, or recycling.

The Thank You Ocean campaign is coordinated by the California Resources Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is supported by the California Ocean Communicators Alliance, a network of more than 150 ocean-related organizations, agencies and businesses in the state who communicate ocean protection messages to millions of Californians. It strives to instill a sense of personal connection and responsibility to California’s ocean and coast through educational outreach.

Recent environmental studies have brought deteriorating ocean health to the attention of the public. California’s Ocean Action Plan, released by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004, specifically called on California to launch an ocean and coastal stewardship campaign to increase awareness about ocean issues. Similarly, the U.S. Ocean Action Plan calls for increased public awareness, a national priority for NOAA and for the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

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## **Thank You Ocean Day 2**

As a result, Secretary Chrisman and U.S. Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and retired Navy Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, launched a Thank You Ocean campaign in September 2006. Gov. Schwarzenegger proclaimed June 8 Thank You Ocean Day in May 2007.

To learn more about the Thank You Ocean campaign, visit [www.thankyouocean.org](http://www.thankyouocean.org).

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Attached: Governor's Proclamation, Thank You Ocean Day events list



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**PROCLAMATION**

California's beautiful ocean and coastline are two of our most fantastic natural wonders. These waters are home to fascinating sea life, and they provide recreation and livelihood for many, helping to fuel the state's \$46 billion dollar ocean and coastal economy. Most importantly, the Pacific and the other oceans of the world generate most of the oxygen we breathe. The majesty that is the ocean deserves the utmost protection, as it is not limitless and faces serious threats to its vitality.

For example, challenges such as over-fishing, garbage dumping and oil spills have greatly stressed the ocean's ability to sustain itself. While these are serious issues that need to be addressed globally, we as individuals can take steps to help protect the purity of the ocean. Everybody can pitch in, from those who live on the coast to those living far inland, by helping to clean up a beach or properly disposing of motor oil and other waste so it does not flow into our storm drains. By combining government initiatives such as the Ocean Action Plan with the efforts of our citizens, I am confident we can improve the ocean's health and preserve it for future generations.

On Thank You Ocean Day, we pause to reflect on the many benefits the world's oceans provide, as well as resolve to protect marine ecosystems. I applaud all those who are working to protect our oceans and encourage everyone to learn more about the Thank You Ocean campaign, at [www.thankyouocean.org](http://www.thankyouocean.org).

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2007, as "Thank You Ocean Day" in California.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 22nd day of May 2007.



A handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger  
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

A handwritten signature of Debra Bowen in black ink.

Debra Bowen  
SECRETARY OF STATE



**2007 Events Celebrating June 8th as  
California's Thank You Ocean Day and World Ocean Day**

<b>Sponsor Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Aquarium of the Pacific</b>	World Ocean Day Discount	Aquarium of the Pacific 100 Aquarium Way Long Beach, CA	June 8, 2007 9 am to 6 pm
<p>In celebration of World Ocean Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will offer \$5 off adult admission when guests ask for the "World Ocean Day Discount" at the Aquarium's ticket windows on June 8, 2007. Guests will be able to meet 12,500 animals and even touch some while learning about the importance of protecting our ocean planet. Admission is only \$15.95 for adult (12+) with discount and \$11.95 child (3-11).</p>			
<b>California Academy of Sciences</b>		California Academy of Sciences 875 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103	June 8, 2007
<p>African Penguin Feedings - 11 am &amp; 3:30 pm Watch an Academy biologist enter the penguin tank to toss vitamin-stuffed fish to the African penguins. Visitors can ask questions and talk to the birds' caretakers during the feeding shows.</p>			
<b>Ocean Revolution</b>	Third Annual Ocean Revolution Concert with The Mother Hips	Moe's Alley 1535 Commercial Way Santa Cruz, CA 95065 (831) 479 1854	June 8, 2007 9:30 PM: \$15/\$18
<b>Mavericks Surf Ventures LLC</b>	World Ocean Day	San Francisco	June 8, 2007

Mavericks Surf Ventures urges you to visit the beach and thank the ocean---it's the best free entertainment today!

Whether you surf Mavericks, or wish you could surf Mavericks; whether you live right along the coast or far, far inland, each one of us is connected to the ocean.

World Ocean Day was created at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and is an opportunity to celebrate our world ocean and our personal connection to the sea.

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<b>UCSC Seymour Center</b>	World Ocean Day in Santa Cruz	Seymour Marine Discovery Center Long Marine Laboratory 100 Shaffer Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060	June 8, 2007
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Celebrate our blue planet with free admission to the Seymour Center all day! Created in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro - although not yet officially designated by the United Nations - World Ocean Day is an opportunity each year to celebrate our world ocean and our personal connection to the sea. Visit the Seymour Center in Santa Cruz and learn more about the oceans and what we can do to celebrate and protect them. Visitors will also have an opportunity to make a fun take home craft, enjoy activity sheets, or do a scavenger hunt in the exhibit hall. Aquarium, exhibit hall, touch tanks, tours -- join us! Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Laboratory, end of Delaware Ave., Santa Cruz. (831) 459-3800, <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu>.

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## **WILDCOAST**

WILDCOAST held a beach clean-up in the community of Playas de Tijuana, which is located directly across from Border Field State Park in Mexico, and at Border State Beach on June 2. Check on [www.wildcoast.net](http://www.wildcoast.net) for more exciting beach cleanups and events from San Diego's Coronado and Imperial Beach to Playas de Tijuana.

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<b>Monterey Bay Aquarium</b>	World Ocean Day Celebration	Monterey Bay Aquarium 886 Cannery Row Monterey, CA 93940	June 9, 2007
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Calling all nature lovers—join us on Saturday, June 9, for our first ever "World Ocean Day Celebration" in honor of the awesome ecosystem that covers about 70 percent our planet.

- Family fun performances by the award-winning Banana Slug String Band from Santa Cruz County & Monterey County children's singer Nancy Raven.
- Live theatrical performances of ¡Basta Basura! (Enough Trash!), encouraging visitors to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- Screenings of "The One Degree Factor," a film about the effects climate change is having on the planet.
- A poster presentation by Pajaro Valley High School students highlighting independent conservation research in their community.
- Face painting for kids, and a family craft room in the Discovery Labs.
- Informational booths from ocean conservation organizations.

For details about the "World Ocean Day Celebration" visit [www.montereybayaquarium.org](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org).

For information contact: Karen Jeffries (831) 644-7548; [kjeffries@mbayaq.org](mailto:kjeffries@mbayaq.org) or Angela Hains (831)-647-6804; [ahains@mbayaq.org](mailto:ahains@mbayaq.org)

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### **Shark Films**

**The Marin and San Francisco Surfrider Foundation**

**Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary**

**The Marin Marine Mammal Center**

**Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary**

Lark Theater  
549 Magnolia Avenue  
Larkspur, CA 94939

June 9, 2007  
12-4Pm

We are featuring ocean films including Sharks: Stewards of the Reef; an exciting coral reef and shark film by Sausalito filmmakers Trillium Films, and other short conservation films from Shifting Baselines, Thank You Ocean and Healthy Oceans; Healthy Humans.

We will end the film lineup with a surf film by Jack Johnson. Information booths and activities will be located outside the lobby with music, a hula performance and other activities. This ocean awareness event will be a fundraiser for the Lark theater to support the Screensaver LLC's efforts to buy and maintain this independent theater.

For questions contact David McGuire at 415 350-3790 or [david-mcguire@earthlink.net](mailto:david-mcguire@earthlink.net)

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### **Ocean Institute**

Celebrate World Ocean Day

Ocean Institute  
24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr.  
10 pm to 3 pm  
Dana Point, CA 2629

June 9, 2007

10:30-12:00: Naturalist-led tidepool walk

12:30 PM: Speaker from Whale Acoustics Lab at Scripps Institution of Oceanography discussing Blue Whales and their appearance off Dana Point each year.

10:00-3:00: "Thank You Ocean" exhibit and presentations by local teens on their water quality research in the OC watershed. Learn more at [www.ocean-institute.org](http://www.ocean-institute.org)

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**Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium  
3720 Stephen M White Dr  
San Pedro, CA 90731

June 9, 2007

June 9: 9:30-11:00 am: Science at the Seashore Weekend Tidepool Walk

June 9: 10:30am-noon: public lecture: Dr. Dave Witting, "DDT, PCB, past mistakes and the legacy left behind: what can we do now?"

June 10: Voyage: Catalina Above and Below (FEE)

Temporary Exhibit - Growing in Circles: The Inner Beauty of Shells

June 12 through December 30, 2007

We have all seen how snail shells grow, but have you ever stopped to really look? Local photographer Walt Wenzel uses X-rays, allowing us to look inside the shell and see its inner beauty. Complementing this exhibit will be the shells from Cabrillo Marine Museum historic snail display cases and a computer kiosk illustrating the simple math behind snail shell shapes.

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**San Francisco State University's  
Romberg Tiburon Center**

"Tidepool Treasures"  
A Guest Scientist program

Bay Area Discovery Museum  
557 McReynolds Rd  
Sausalito, CA 94965

June 9, 2007  
2-4 pm

For details, go to [www.baykidsmuseum.org](http://www.baykidsmuseum.org) or <http://rtc.sfsu.edu>.

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**Save Our Shores**

Storm Drain Stenciling Extravaganza!

Meet at Shoreline Middle School  
855 17th Ave  
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

June 9, 2007  
10 am to 2 pm

We will be hosting a Storm Drain Stenciling Extravaganza! Everyone is welcome to participate although we ask that younger participants be accompanied by an adult. The event will go from 10 am to 2 pm, meeting in front of the main entrance to Shoreline Middle School at 855 17th Ave Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Participants do not need to attend the entire event, there will be someone at the school to meet, greet and orient participants throughout the afternoon. Groups will receive instructions, a map, paint and a stencil and be sent out in the field to spray paint the “No Dumping, Drains to Bay” sign above storm drains in the Live Oak neighborhood. To register or get more details please contact Kate Purcell, Volunteer Coordinator at 831.462.5660 or [kpurcell@saveourshores.org](mailto:kpurcell@saveourshores.org).

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<b>SFBay Whale Watching</b>	World Ocean Day	San Francisco Bay	June 9 and 10, 2007
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SFBay Whale Watching will celebrate California's Thank You Ocean Day and World Ocean Day by focusing attention, on its scheduled whale watching trips on June 9th and 10th, on endangered species and continuing threats such as renewed efforts in Japan to hunt whales. Our trip Naturalists will discuss endangered species such as Humpback Whales found in the Gulf of the Farallones and the unusual number of Northern Fur Seal pups that were stranded and rescued this past winter.

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<b>Birch Aquarium</b>	World Ocean Day	San Diego	June 11-on, 2007
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Jun 11 2007, 6:30pm to 8:00pm: Perspectives on Ocean Science: Climate Science at Scripps. Join Scripps Director Dr. Tony Haymet for an exciting overview of the diverse array of groundbreaking climate research ongoing at Scripps. Members Free, others \$8.

June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19 from 6-9 pm.:Green Flash Concerts, open to adults ages 21 and up with I.D. Singer/songwriters and local bands perform outdoors while the aquarium-museum's exhibits are open for viewing. (FEE)

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<b>EcoZone</b>	Penguins in the Park	Dolores Park Dolores at 19th Street San Francisco, CA 94110	June 16, 2007 4 to 7pm
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Free Movie Screening of Award Winning Animated Feature, Happy Feet. Bring your picnic dinner and blankets (no chairs please). Pre-screening activities to begin at 4pm, film to begin at approximately 7:30pm.



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**Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell  
Bank National Marine Sanctuaries**

**Marin County Fair**

**10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903**

**June  
30-July 5**

Aquatic Adventures is the theme of the annual Marin County Fair held June 30-July 5. The award-winning Marin County Fair is the biggest community celebration of the summer. In addition to concerts, contests, shows, demonstrations, food, animals, rides, games, and fireworks there will be fascinating exhibits and interactive displays to celebrate the waters surrounding Marin County through the theme of Aquatic Adventures. Don't miss this exhibit designed to showcase organizations and individuals who live, work, and play on the waters surrounding Marin County, including Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank national marine sanctuaries. Visit [marinfair.org](http://marinfair.org) for more information and entrance fees.

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**KWMR and Cordell Bank National  
Marine SanctuaryRadio Show: Ocean Currents**

Listen live on the web at [KWMR.org](http://KWMR.org)

June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
5:30-6:30pm

Join Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary education coordinator/radio show host for Ocean Currents live on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007, as she interviews Roz Savage. Roz Savage crossed the Atlantic Ocean last year in a rowboat solo and is preparing to cross the Pacific Ocean starting in July. Hear about this outstanding feat and the drive behind her. Ocean Currents is a radio program hosted monthly on community radio station KWMR, Point Reyes Station and Bolinas, learn more at [kwmr.org](http://kwmr.org) and [cordellbank.noaa.gov](http://cordellbank.noaa.gov)